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SUBJECT: MINWAR GAMASY VISITS RAS SUDR

1. ALL THREE CAIRO DAILIES NOVEMBER 20 GIVE PROMINENT FRONT-PAGE TREATMENT WITH PHOTOS TO VISIT OF DEPPRIMIN/MINWAR GAMASY TO RAS SUDR NOVEMBER 19 TO ATTEND CELEBRATIONS ON OCCASION RETURN OF AREA TO EGYPTIAN CIVIL ADMINISTRATION. GAMASY WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MIN SOCIAL AFFAIRS, MININT, MIN HEALTH AND MIN LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

2. ACCORDING TO PAPERS, GAMASY AND PARTY INSPECTED OIL FIELDS, NEW HOSPITAL, AND OTHER INSTALLATIONS, AND WERE GUESTS AT RALLY STAGED BY GOVERNOR OF SINAI AND ATTENDED BY "THE CHIEFS OF TRIBES AND MGT PEOPLE WHO HELD FAST DURING AGGRESSION AND WHO REJOICED AT THE RETURN OF THEIR LANDS." DISTRIBUTION OF PRESENTS AND FINANCIAL SUBSIDIES - TRADITIONAL MIDDLE EASTERN METHOD OF INSURING TRIBAL LOYALTIES - WAS ALSO CAUSE OF REJOICING TO ASSEMBLED

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3. IN SPEECH ADDRESSED TO THE INHABITANTS OF AREA, GAMSU SAID ARMED FORCES REALIZE THAT THEIR MISSION OF LIBERATING ALL SINAI ONLY PARTIALLY FULFILLED; THEY WILL PERSEVERE UNTIL MISSION IS ACCOMPLISHED. FURTHERMORE, GAMSU SAID, EGYPT HAS LEARNED ITS LESSON: SINAI WILL NOT AGAIN BECOME STRATEGIC VACUUM BUT MUST BECOME "SHIELD THAT PROTECTS EGYPT FROM THE EAST."

3. AKHBAR, UNDER RED BANNER HEADLINE WHICH PROCLAIMS "NUCLEAR REACTOR TO IRRIGATE SINAI DESERT," REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT SADAT HAS GIVEN DIRECTIVES FOR USE OF ATOMIC REACTOR FOR DESALINIZATION OF SEA WATER FOR IRRIGATION IN SINAI, AND THAT REVENUE FROM OIL OUTPUT OF SINAI WILL BE SPENT ON DEVELOPMENT OF SINAI CITIES AND AGRICULTURE. REMAINDER OF ARTICLE, HOWEVER, DEALS WITH GAMSU'S SINAI VISIT AND GIVES NO FURTHER DETAILS OF ALLEGED PLANS FOR SINAI REACTOR.

4. COMMENT: AKHBAR'S ARTICLE IS FIRST REFERENCE WE HAVE SEEN TO ANY PLAN LINKING NUCLEAR REACTOR WITH SINAI IRRIGATION. MINPOWER SULTAN RECENTLY TRAVELLED TO PARIS AND THERE HAS BEEN PRESS SPECULATION HERE OF A GOF-GOE NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT. PERHAPS IF ANY NUCLEAR REACTOR IS TO BE USED IN SINAI, IT WILL BE MADE IN FRANCE.
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